

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2003, Applicants amend the application and request reconsideration in view of the amendments and the following remarks. In this Amendment, Claims 1, 9, and 11 have been amended. Claims 18-31 have been canceled without prejudice and no claims have been added so that claims 1-17 remain pending. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 9 and 11 were objected to for a number of informalities which Applicants have corrected.

Claims 1, 9 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14, 16-23 and 25-27 were rejected or anticipated by WO 97/33534 to Globerman et al. (Globerman). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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Claims 15 and 24 were rejected as being unpatentable over Globerman in view of U.S. patent No. 6,022,371 to Imran. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Neither reference, whether taken alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the elements described above. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants would be willing to interview the present case if the Examiner so desires.

A favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

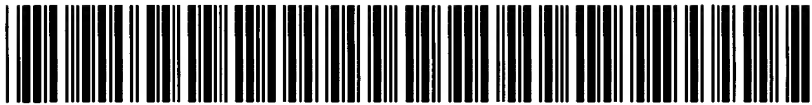
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and any other fee that may be due, to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CRD-938/CJE.

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